

# The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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## Get Ready For The Greatest Trip Ever Advertised---With The Lord!

### Every Christian Should be a Soul-Winner by Prayer, Preaching, Money or Otherwise!

#### THAT SWEET MELLOW GENTLE EXPERIENCE Ought to be Possessed by Every Minister And Member.

##### NO PAY IN BEING HARSH AND ROUGH

It almost seems useless for me to present this subject tonight, but it is the one suggested to my mind so here it goes. God always knows His business, and whether He suggested the subject or not I do not believe it has been suggested by any evil spirit.

Every body knows that sweet is the opposite of sour, and mellow is the opposite of hard, and gentle is the opposite of wild and rough. Of course no Christian would want to have a sour, hard, wild and rough experience and call it the Christian religion, but judging from some reports that come to me it seems that some who try to identify themselves with us must be on the sour, hard, rough and wild line. But such as this cannot be the spirit of the Church of God.

Since so many who love the truth are anxious to follow the Bible teaching and have their experience to measure up to it in every particular a few things in connection with this subject may be interesting and helpful. None of us claim to have reached absolute perfection, therefore we are open for anything that has a tendency upward and that will make us more like heaven.

It is time now for special preparation to meet the Lord at His coming, therefore, we need to live in the first verses of 1 John and third chapter and the book of Canticles—Songs of Solomon. In the third chapter of 1 John there is a sweet pathos that does not appear in every book and chapter. John commences this chapter by calling special attention to the love the Father has for us, and as a proof of this he says, "that we should be called the sons of God." Underserving as we are He has shown His love to us to the extent that He has accepted us as sons. When one comes face to face with this fact and fully realizes it as a fact, he surely feels like lifting up his hands in wonder and amazement and exclaiming with John, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." Then in the next breath as if he has caught a glimpse of something still ahead he continues his strain by saying, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." And this is all given with the very deepest feeling of tenderness and love. This is indeed sweet, and it has a tendency to sweeten and mellow our spirits every time we read it.

Now drop down a little farther in the chapter and read a verse that will still have that good sweet soothing effect. "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us." This is wonderful, and I feel my spirit softening and becoming even more tender as I continue, "and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." That is surely enough to sweeten up the experience of any one that is trying to make ready for that wonderful time that is drawing so near.

Now drop back into that armchair like love story and there you find sweetness right. "I sat down under his shadow with

great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banquetting house, and his banner over me was love." (Cant. 2:3, 4) A taste of this sweet fruit and a seat in this velvet lined banquetting house will sweeten the experience of any one that would be sweetened at all. There seems to be no words to express the extreme sweetness of the moment. Sit there a little while in the presence of Jesus and you will have received a heavenly touch that will scarcely ever leave you again. Your voice and manner will have a kind of a halo of glory around it that will have a drawing effect upon those with whom you mingle. Like a sweet morsel—"honey and milk under thy tongue."

Did you ever put a morsel of anything in your mouth that was so pleasant to the taste that you have said, "It just melted in my mouth?" Well, there you are in the banquetting house feasting upon the sweets that only a sweet loving Jehovah can give. For want of any better expression of tenderness the writer said, "His left hand is under my head and His right hand doth embrace me." This is like the tenderness of a mother as she "rock-a-bys" her darling little baby to sleep.

Again the expression rolls like the pen of a ready writer. There is love existing between the child of God and heaven's King. There is a mighty moving, but oh, how tender and gentle! "O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret place of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely." There is nothing about that sweet voice to drive people away from the meetings. Nothing uttered that would make one feel afraid of what is coming next, or to make one wish he were not at the meeting. The words of Jesus were gracious words when He spoke at Nazareth. It is said of the hearers, "And all bear Him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth." (Luke 4:22) I wonder how any one can be sour and hard and rough in his preaching or conversation and live in the banquetting house and have the spirit of Jesus. I hardly think it is possible. If one becomes harsh and rough in his preaching he has either never been inside of that banquetting house or has moved out. It is too velvety and sacred in that banquetting house experience for one to preach like we have been hearing of some quite recently. It has been said that they literally drove their congregation away by their harsh rough preaching. Such a preacher is nothing near ready to meet Jesus in that banquetting house at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

No, No! Instead of being driven away the people will say of one that has the banquetting house experience, "Let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice." And the words of his mouth in proclaiming the Gospel of the Son of God will be gracious words. Indeed one that is in close touch with Jesus is like the further description given further on in the love song. "I rose to open to my beloved." This is Jesus right there within a very few feet. "My hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh; up-

on the handles of the lock." (Cant. 5:5) I tell you, when a preacher in the pulpit is so close to Jesus that he is about to open the door between Jesus and the congregation he will not be harsh and bitter and scold and rave and "dig up" as they sometimes say, but he will be sweet and mellow and gentle and very often his eyes will be filled with tears and his voice extremely tender and his words gracious.

And when the door is open, and the preacher pictures Jesus standing there how will He appear? "His head is as the most fine gold, his locks are bushy and black as a raven. His eyes are as the eyes of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, and fitly set. His cheeks are as beds of spices, as banks of sweet flowers: his lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh. \*\*\* His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely." (Cant. 5:11-16) Picture Him like this and then when He appears so lovely and sweet before your congregation and you introduce Him by saying, "this is my beloved, and this is my friend," and I dare say your congregation will not leave you, neither will they stay away to keep from hearing you because they don't want to take a scolding. Indeed, that sweet mellow gentle experience ought to be possessed by every minister and every member. There is no pay in being harsh and rough.

The word "mellow" is not a Bible word, but "ripe" is a Bible word and when we find a mellow apple we conclude it is ripe. And Webster defines "mellow" thus: "fully ripe; not hard, harsh or rigid," so there can scarcely be a better word found to use in this place. You find a mellow apple or peach and it becomes enticing and attractive. You begin to want a taste of it. But, on the other hand, if it is hard and rigid you have no desire for it. Then in order to have the best influence over people to win them for Christ and His Church the mellow experience is much more to be desired than the hard rigid experience. To be mellow means that it will be easy for you to shed tears and weep as you preach, and weep with the penitents, and weep over the lost.

Another thing about the mellow experience that should be noticed is that it indicates a ripe experience. Define this word and you have it thus: Ripe, "brought to maturity or perfection; ready for harvest; fit for use." Now, this being true, it is readily seen that a hard rigid person is some distance from perfection, not ready for the coming of the Lord—harvest, and not fit for use. And they are not fit to work in the Lord's great harvest field. In the Church in the wilderness they were commanded to bring in their first ripe fruit as an offering to the Lord. They did not think of bringing it until it was ripe—mellow. In Paul's epistle to the Corinthians he instructed them about certain things among which he said, "Brethren, be not children, in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men." (1 Cor. 14:20) The marginal reading is, "in understanding be of a ripe age." Such that will make you an acceptable offering to the Lord. And if you follow the analogy it will mean for you to have a mellow experience. A person that is hard and rigid can hardly have a good understanding.

The next word of the subject is "gentle." This is a Bible word and its use is very common. Webster gives as a definition the following: "mild and refined

in manner and disposition; kindly; moderate in action; peaceful." One of the fruits of the Spirit is gentleness. This belongs to a person filled with the Holy Ghost. (Gal. 5:22) David sang to the Lord and said, "Thy gentleness hath made me great." (2 Sam. 22:36) David was a man after God's own heart so he was gentle because he followed the Lord's example, and thus became great. If he had been rough and wild he would not have become great. This is David's testimony.

As we proceed you can judge as to whether you want to be gentle or rough and wild. In order to get the most out of this we will notice a question propounded by James the Lord's brother: "Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts glory not, and lie not against the truth." (Jas. 3:13, 14) Continuing he shows that bitterness and strife is not "from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish." And gives his reason for the statement, "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." And on the other hand James tells what wisdom is like that comes from above. It "is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good works." Then the person that possesses the wisdom that comes from above is pure, peaceable and gentle. And in his preaching or other service he will always show mercy rather than want to flay and skin his congregation alive. And the good fruits in such a life will be fully ripe fruits—mellow, and ready for service in the Lord's great harvest field. One that is harsh and hard in his experience and preaching certainly shows a lack of wisdom and will soon reap what he sows.

Paul not only gave many instructions to the churches, but he also instructed his ministers, and those instructions should be considered of great value and importance to the Lord's ministers today. "Put them in mind," wrote Paul to Titus, "to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, to speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness to all men." (Titus 2:2) And to Timothy, another one of his ministers, he wrote, "The servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men." (2 Tim. 2:24) By the use of these words we understand that Paul means to show that "strive" is opposite to "gentle." He says we must not strive, but we must be gentle. And this means that we must be mild and kind.

Paul also gives an example for a pastor. At one time he served the church at Thessalonica for a while and he tells how he conducted himself among them. He was not harsh, he did not scold them, he did not exclude them from the church for some little offence, he did not threaten them and undertake to force them into square dealing and good living, but he was gentle among them, "even as a nurse cherisheth her children." (1 Thes. 2:7) This was Paul's way of taking care of a church. Furthermore he gives his reason for thus being tender with them. It was because he loved them dearly and knew their weaknesses and shortcomings and felt that he must nourish and lift them up to a higher standard of living by

helping them and being tender toward them instead of being rigid and harsh with them. Read what he says: "We were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: so being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believed: As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, that ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory." (1 Thes. 2:7-12)

Here is a graphic description of Paul's manner of work in taking care of a church. He tells us to follow him as he followed Christ, then I conclude he followed Christ in this matter as well as in other things. He was gentle like a nurse with a child, his love was the white-heated kind, he was willing to give his soul for them, they were dear unto him, he labored and travailed for them night and day. I tell you there is some display of interest in them and love for them. Beloved pastor, do you have that kind of love for your flock? Do you treat the disobedient and weak ones as if they were your own offspring? Are you tender and gentle with them? O, beloved, I want our preachers to abstain from the hard, harsh, preaching that prevails among some so-called holiness people. Other people have feelings as well as yourself. What advantage is there in hurting the feelings of members of your congregation by hard, harsh, scolding like preaching? If you know a person is guilty of some crime go to him personally and talk to him about it and pray for him instead of making him a target and shooting your entire sermon at him. Preach the gospel without knowing who is guilty and who is innocent.

It is very unwise for members to tell a minister about conditions and thus indirectly dictate the messages. It is more unwise for a minister to listen at such things and then frame his sermon specially to fit those special cases. A great preacher of several years back would not allow any one to tell him anything when he went to a new place for a meeting. He wanted to get his messages direct from God without the least bit of influence to detract from his purpose.

A few years ago a certain minister went to a place for a meeting. By chance he fell in company with a certain man of the neighborhood who was very free to tell of all the faults of all the people in the community. I heard of it and kept in touch with the work through others and watched the results. In his preaching he "scored" everybody and preached but little real gospel of power and love. After a protracted effort of some weeks the meeting closed and if there were any real good accomplished my informants were unable to tell me just what it was. The meeting died on their hands. It seemed that the Lord had forsaken the place. The preacher had a reputation of being a good revivalist, but his effort in that hard, harsh, scoring manner was a complete failure. And when he finally gave up and quit the meeting he was much discouraged and every-

body seemed disappointed and felt sad and downcast.

I want our ministers to have more wisdom than to be influenced in that way. Preaching the gospel is a high calling and it should be recognized as a very sacred matter and treated with the very highest respect. If you preach the life out of the few Christians that may chance to be in your congregation you are a failure. I stood outside the door once and heard a minister pray the life out of his congregation and then I went inside only to hear him preach the funeral. This was after there had been a fine prospect for a revival and the interest was growing fine. He held one more service and closed his meeting. After the service was dismissed a prominent man of the community announced the meeting for the next night and then called in two humble little men to continue the meeting, and inside of a week or ten days forty souls were saved and the marvelous power of God falling.

I tell you, beloved, that sweet mellow gentle experience ought to be possessed by every minister. There is no pay in being harsh and rough. Be gentle and kind and loving toward all men. "You can catch more flies with molasses than you can with vinegar." Jesus said to the disciples as He sent them forth, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." (Matt. 10:16.) Follow this plan and obey these instructions and you can be made successful "fishers of men," and you will find it much better to have the sweet mellow gentle experience.

#### VISION OF CHURCH

To the Saints Scattered Abroad—

Greetings:  
Today finds me on fire for God. I have had the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues, for eight years and I find the joy just the same. I love to tell this wonderful story and do not understand how people can stay in sin when Jesus offers such great blessings. Oh, sinners, come to the fountain and see what you will find. The way is strewn with precious jewels.

My experience in the last eight years has been very wonderful to me. Just think, I lived twenty-seven years in sin and hardly ever felt the presence of God. Come on, friends, let us not get behind.

I want to tell of a vision the Lord gave me about the church which took all doubts away as to where the true church was. It was on Saturday night and it seemed as if my husband, baby and I and Brother Mixon, and his child were under a shelter. A high wind was blowing and it was raining. In front of us there was a very large pine tree with its lowest limbs eight feet from the ground. There were some rotten limbs on it and our pastor, Brother Mixon, was trying to punch them out with a pole and succeeded in punching out a few. As I had a great desire to help, I took the pole and began to push. The harder I pushed, the harder the wind blew and I was afraid the rotten limbs would hit me as they were falling so fast. Not one of the green limbs fell and not one root was shaken but the tree was shaken very much by the mighty power. Then we hunted shelter from the falling limbs. My husband took our baby and I took the child that Brother Mixon left. I noticed that whatever happened the child did not complain also that it had two pretty white wings and as I ran from the storm one of the wings got ruffled. Then I awoke.

I asked the Lord to give me the meaning of the vision and here is what He gave me: The tree was the Church of God; the rotten limbs were the things that must come out of it; the solid ground in which the tree was rooted was the truth; pushing the limbs was prayer and then God began to work with power. The little child that was left with me was our pastor's confidence that I had won and its ruffled wing was failure to stand true. So, God helping me, I will stand by the dear old Church of God.

Your sister under the blood,  
Mrs. J. S. Thompson,  
Chokoloskee, Fla.



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## REQUESTS

J. W. Scarbrough, Eldorado,  
Ark., requests prayer for the  
healing of his body.

E. L. Moore, Arcadia, Fla., re-  
quests prayer that he may  
be healed of a rupture.

Linsie Veal, Axson, Ga., re-  
quests prayer for her infidel  
husband to be saved.

A. M. Moon, Greenville, S. C.,  
requests prayer that he may  
receive the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Lucy Smith, Monteagle,  
Tenn., requests prayer that  
she may be healed of head-  
ache.

Addie Prince, Jefferson City,  
Tenn., requests prayer that  
she may receive the Holy  
Ghost.

Mrs. M. C. Hunt, Arkadelphia,  
Ala., requests prayer for her  
two boys and one girl to be  
saved.

Poley Kilgore, Dunlap, Tenn.,  
requests prayer to be sancti-  
fied and filled with the Holy  
Ghost.

Mrs. Addie Keeton, Carbon Hill,  
Ala., requests prayer for her  
husband to be saved be-  
fore it is too late.

Mrs. Ellen Staggs, Hillman,  
Mich., requests prayer for  
her two sons to be saved be-  
fore it is too late.

Texas Hatfield, Logan, W. Va.,  
requests prayer that her fa-  
ther and sisters will be saved  
before it is too late.

Dit Yookum, Speedwell, Tenn.,  
requests prayer to receive the  
Holy Ghost and that Louisa  
Yookum will be healed.

Carl R. Hodges, Dunn, N. C.,  
requests prayer that he may  
be healed of consumption if it  
is the Lord's will.

Mary E. Patton, Leckie, W. Va.,  
requests prayer for May  
Yates to be united with her  
dear sister in the Church of  
God.

Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Tennille, Ga.,  
requests prayer that her  
needs may be supplied so she  
and her husband can go and  
carry the Word.

Effie Nichols, Bogalusa, La., re-  
quests prayer for her eight-  
een months old baby to  
walk; for the church at that  
place and that she may get

closer to the Lord.

Mrs. Nora Hughes, Point, Tex.,  
requests prayer that her lit-  
tle boy will be healed and that  
the unsaved ones of her home  
will be saved.

Mrs. T. C. Barnett, Empire, Ala.,  
requests prayer that she may  
receive the Holy Ghost and  
that her husband may see  
the Church of God is right  
before it is too late.

Mrs. Edna Sidener, Joplin, Mo.,  
requests prayer that the Lord  
will heal a sister at that place  
and for her husband to go  
deeper in Jesus. Also that he  
can get work so they can be  
together.

R. O. Bissett, Middlesex, N. C.,  
is in a helpless condition and  
wants all the saints to pray  
for him that all his needs may  
be supplied and that when  
he dies he may go to that  
sweet home beyond the sky.

G. W. Robertson, Karbers  
Ridge, Ill., requests prayer to  
be healed of stomach and  
head trouble; for his grand-  
son to be healed; that his  
daughter may come back to  
the Lord, for his son to be  
saved and for his wife to be  
healed of kidney trouble.

E. D. Hopkins of Cullowhee, N. C.,  
requests special prayer for  
Mrs. Cathron Beck to be  
saved, sanctified and baptized  
with the Holy Ghost. Also  
pray for her to be healed of  
rheumatism. She is bedfast  
and earnestly praying day  
and night to be saved.

Flossie Wines, Almond, N. C.,  
requests special prayer for  
Mrs. Ellen Tabor to be healed  
and that she will be sancti-  
fied and receive the Holy  
Ghost. Also pray for her  
children to be saved, sancti-  
fied and baptized with the Ho-  
ly Ghost.

## NOTICES

Mrs. Della Hosford, Double  
Springs, Ala., wants some  
Church of God folks to come  
to that place and hold a meet-  
ing.

Wanted—to know the where-  
abouts and spiritual condition  
of Robert Johnston and J. J.  
Talent.

Jas. Walker, clerk,  
Tellico Plains, Tenn.

I would like to correspond  
with some man in Florida who  
wants to hire a laborer this fall  
and winter, near a Church of  
God.

Alvin T. Cain,  
Route 1, Box 36,  
Haleyville, Ala.

A meeting will begin on July  
22nd at Crockett, Texas. Every-  
body is cordially invited to at-  
tend. Pray that the Lord's will  
may be done and that He will  
pour out His blessings upon us.  
Iva Moore, clerk,  
Crockett, Texas.

If any one needs an altar  
worker or other worker with  
the exception of preaching,  
write J. W. Scarbrough, Eldo-  
rada, Ark. If you want a  
Church of God preacher,  
write E. C. Scarbrough, Trin-  
ity, Texas, in care of H.  
J. French.

If any one in the state of  
Kentucky would like to have a  
young man to help him in  
meetings, write me any time  
after July 1st. I can pick the  
guitar and sing or play the or-  
gan and sing and preach if nec-  
essary.

G. E. Tippins,  
Blue Diamond, Ky.

It has been on our minds for  
some time to send something to  
the orphans so we began solicit-  
ing in Olney, Ill. In a short  
time we had a barrel of clothes  
and nine dollars which we sent  
to Cleveland immediately. May  
God bless the little orphans and  
supply all their needs.

H. L. Trim and wife,  
Olney, Ill.

A revival meeting will begin  
at Mentone, Ala., on Aug. 4.  
Brother R. S. Robinson, our  
pastor, and Brother W. S. Wile-  
mon from Alabama City will  
have charge of the meeting.  
Other workers are expected.

Everybody come praying that  
many souls will be saved.

J. D. Robinson, clerk and  
treasurer,  
Mentone, Ala.

The Mississippi camp meet-  
ing will begin Aug. 4, 1921, at  
Friendship church. Brother H.  
A. Pressgrove, Sister Bertie  
Juillerat and Brother Keen and  
wife will be in charge of the  
meetings and with your help  
we will have a good meeting.  
Everybody is invited and those  
who come will be taken care of.  
For further information, write  
me.

W. E. Raney,  
Charleston, Miss.

The Birmingham district con-  
vention will convene at Carbon  
Hill, Ala., Aug. 18, 19, 1921, D.  
V. The opening service will be  
held on the 17th. Every minister,  
deacon and clerk is expected to  
be present and every one else is  
invited to attend. We would ap-  
preciate having any one outside  
the district. We hope to have  
our state overseer, Brother  
Simpson, with us. Come expect-  
ing great things.

C. B. Reynolds, district over-  
seer,  
Salem, Ala.

I have been appointed dis-  
trict overseer for the southern  
part of Arkansas and any time  
you would like to have me hold  
a meeting just let me know. I  
will be glad to give you my best  
service. My headquarters will  
be at Haynes, Ark. The south-  
ern Arkansas district includes  
the following churches: Poplar  
Grove, Haynes, Pinetree, Good-  
win and Cherry Valley.

Your humble servant,  
W. A. Ledford, district over-  
seer,  
Haynes, Ark.

The people at Manor, Ga.,  
are building a large tabernacle  
for the camp meeting which  
convenes on the twenty-third of  
July. A truck will meet all  
trains and a restaurant will be  
on the grounds for the con-  
venience of the people. Manor  
is fifteen miles from Waycross,  
on the Atlantic Coast Line R.  
R. There are seven cottages for  
campers.

Brother J. B. Ellis of the Bi-  
ble School at Cleveland will  
conduct a Bible School every  
morning. Brother Latimer, our  
state overseer, will be there.  
Come expecting a good time.  
Every one is invited. We insist  
that the churches at Zirkle, Of-  
ferman, Broxton, Hazlehurst,  
Jesup, Quitman, Odum, Valdos-  
ta, Melrose, Matthews, Fitzger-  
ald and Halo be represented.

S. J. Heath,  
Hazlehurst, Ga.

## IN MEMORY OF

### TAYLOR

The death angel visited the  
home of Isaac Taylor and  
claimed his dear wife.

She trusted the Lord for heal-  
ing and was a faithful member  
of the Church of God. She told  
her husband "they were com-  
ing after her" and she wanted  
him and the children to meet  
her in heaven.

She leaves a husband, six  
children, father, mother, two  
sisters, two brothers and a num-  
ber of friends to mourn her  
death.

The funeral service was con-  
ducted by the writer and her  
remains were laid to rest in the  
Copenher cemetery to await  
the soon coming King.

W. M. Coleman,  
Farmer, Tenn.

### PADGETT

On June 17, 1921, the death  
angel visited our home and  
claimed our precious baby,  
George Edward Padgett, age 14  
months and 8 days.

He was sick only a short  
time, although prayer went up  
for him and we did all we could,  
God knew best and took him  
home to be with Him where he  
will never have to suffer any  
more.

We all loved little George Ed-  
ward dearly but God loved him  
best. He was the bright jewel  
of the home. We expect to  
meet him on the other side  
where we will never be parted  
again.

The funeral service was con-  
ducted by Brother J. B. Sparks  
and his body was laid to rest in  
the Methodist cemetery to a-  
wait the coming of Jesus.  
Many beautiful flowers were

placed on his grave by loving  
friends.

His mother,  
Mrs. C. B. Padgett,  
Lynchburg, Va.

### ETHEREDGE

The death angel visited the  
home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W.  
Etheredge June 19, 1921, and  
claimed their baby, Otha Delma,  
age 3 months and 26 days. He  
was taken sick Saturday even-  
ing and died Sunday morning.

He leaves to mourn his death  
a father and mother, four sis-  
ters, three brothers and other  
relatives and friends.

The funeral service was con-  
ducted by Brother L. V. Agee  
and the body was laid to rest  
in the Elom cemetery.

His cousin,  
Sadie Ree Agee,  
Surginer, Ala.

### HALLMARK

The mother of Brother Henry  
Hallmark departed this life to  
be with Jesus. She had been  
ill for some time but bore her  
sickness well. The saints would  
gather around her and pray  
but she said her time had come  
and she was ready to go.

She received the Holy Ghost  
in March. She gave God the  
glory and trusted Him to the  
end. She was a member of the  
dear old Church of God and  
left a vacant place in it and in  
her home that never can be  
filled. She leaves to mourn her  
death one son and daughter-in-  
law and many relatives and  
friends, and was laid to rest in  
the Mooreville cemetery to  
await the soon coming King.

One who loved her,  
Emma Loftin,  
Mooreville, Miss.

## BATTLEFIELD

We are having one of the  
most wonderful meetings at  
Branford, Fla., that has ever  
been. Brother Jim Culpepper  
is in charge of the meeting. If  
I make no mistake, fifty-four  
have received the Holy Ghost.  
The Lord is working in a won-  
derful way, reports L. V. Hall.

J. M. Watson, Anniston, Ala.,  
reports the meeting held there  
July 4th. It was wonderful how  
the Lord did bless. Praise His  
great name. We met at 10:00  
A. M. and stopped just long  
enough for lunch. The meet-  
ing lasted till 12:00 o'clock at  
night, 5 were saved and sancti-  
fied and 4 received the Holy  
Ghost.

P. W. Hackney of Bridgeport,  
Ala., reports the close of a two  
weeks meeting. The Lord was  
there in power and victory. The  
saints were made stronger and  
drawn closer together, 2 were  
sanctified, 6 received the Holy  
Ghost, 5 were baptized in  
water and 7 added to the  
church.

Mary L. Thomas of Oakvale,  
W. Va., reports victory for the  
Church of God there. She is  
on the top at last. Five have  
been received into the Church  
by their pastor, L. L. Vaught.  
The church conference was  
held at Kellysville, June 23,  
1921. C. B. Hill and Laura  
Whitlow are class leaders. A  
Sunday school was organized.

We have just closed a ten days  
meeting at Clear Mount, Fla.  
The Lord blessed in a wonder-  
ful way and while the latter  
rain fell there was dancing and  
speaking in tongues. Several  
were saved, 14 sanctified, 10 re-  
ceived the baptism of the Holy  
Ghost and 8 followed the Lord  
in water baptism, reports G. C.  
Sapp.

## NOTICE

To Whom This May Concern:  
Any minister, clerk or member  
wishing a notice, request, report or  
any writing to be printed in the Ev-  
angel of a certain date should send  
writing to the Evangel office at least  
two weeks before that date, to  
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the date desired. This applies more  
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requests for the sick.

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" Welcome, Fla.,	26
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## A CLOUDBURST OF LATTER RAIN

127 Saved, Sanctified and  
Filled With the Holy Ghost  
at Pilgrim's Rest,  
Louisiana

To the Saints Hither and Thither in  
Different Parts of the World—  
Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to try to tell you if I can  
find words to do so, how God has  
worked with us here in Louisiana.

Sister B. L. Shepherd and husband  
have just closed a six weeks revival,  
seven miles from Covington, La., at  
Pilgrim's Rest with the undersigned  
as helper. God worked from the very  
first service and in all there were  
about 127 saved, 127 sanctified 127  
received the Holy Ghost and 104 were  
baptized in water. The church was  
set in order at the close of the third  
week with 54 members. Later more  
were added, making a total mem-  
bership of 117.

Sister Ouida Hayslip and I joined  
Sister Shepherd at the close of her  
Kentwood meeting in which twenty-  
two received the Holy Ghost. We ar-  
rived there in time for the baptismal  
service in which twenty-five were  
buried with Christ into a watery  
grave.

From there we came with Brother  
and Sister Shepherd to Onville, La.,  
where she had held a meeting pre-  
viously, in which forty-five had re-  
ceived the Holy Ghost. They were  
on fire for God and it was wonderful  
to see them leap and shout for God.  
They had not heard a sermon in over  
a month but were still shouting the  
victory. We stayed with them for  
four days and eight more received  
the Holy Ghost.

We then came to Pilgrim's Rest,  
La., an entirely new field where the  
people had never heard the full gospel  
preached. We began the meeting in  
an old schoolhouse that was sup-  
posed to be free for all but they put  
us out. A Baptist minister came  
and started a revival but was forced  
to give it up after two services as we  
had the crowd. We went one mile  
from the schoolhouse and put up a  
brush arbor 32x40 ft. and began our  
battle. It was a battle indeed but God  
gave us sweeping victory over every  
devil and opposer. The first soul cap-  
tured from the devil was a man and  
it liked to have caused a riot. When  
the dear soul began to cry out to God  
the people made a mad rush to the  
altar to take him out by force. They  
had never seen it on this fashion be-  
fore, but the Holy Ghost rebuked  
them. We expected a riot any min-  
ute but God gave me special power  
for it was my first experience. At  
last we pulled the bell cords of  
heaven and the man came up shout-  
ing, leaping and talking in tongues.  
The people were amazed and a good  
number were convinced. Since that  
service the altar has been full of  
seekers. The country was stirred  
for miles and miles. People came  
for twenty miles, never in the history  
of this country have such crowds been  
gathered together. We have had very  
good behavior, the people said we  
had better order than the other  
churches have. The crowds were so  
large that we had to enlarge the  
curtains of our habitations, lengthen  
our cords and strengthen our stakes,  
for truly we broke through on the  
right hand and on the left.

One night a messenger came for  
Sister Shepherd about 1:00 a. m. to  
go to a young man who was struck  
down under the mighty power of God  
on his way home from meeting. He  
was on horseback and when he fell  
to the ground his companions were  
frightened very much. They saw  
he was under the power of God and  
came for Brother and Sister Shep-  
herd. They went and prayed for him  
and he received the Holy Ghost on  
the roadside about 2 o'clock in the  
morning.

One peculiar feature of this meet-  
ing is the fact that more men have  
received the Holy Ghost than women  
and children, more than half the  
number have been grown men, young  
and old. Almost all men who are  
married have companions that are  
filled with the Holy Ghost.

There was a little band of sanctified  
folks here who thought they had the  
Holy Ghost. They called themselves  
The Holy Sanctified Church of Christ.  
They were hard to reach but when  
God revealed His church to them,  
they saw they were void of the pow-  
er. One night, Sister Shepherd  
preached on the signs following be-  
lievers. The leader of the band was  
there and was fully convinced as  
he saw the signs following the Church  
of God. Most of them have come in-  
to the Church of God and have re-  
ceived the Holy Ghost. Praise God.

There was much opposition here  
but God gave us such a floodtide  
that it was all swept away in the  
great downpour of the Spirit. Brother  
Tomlinson wrote about expecting  
a cloudburst before long somewhere.  
Little did we dream it was upon us,  
the great Captain was in front. We  
have only obeyed His orders and He  
led the battle so we could not be de-  
feated. He gave us several messages  
of encouragement.

One night Sister Shepherd preached  
on the baptism of the Holy Ghost and  
a message and interpretation was  
given. There was a wild rush to the  
altar. She preached on tithing one  
Sunday morning and God surely  
blessed. She could hardly preach for  
the manifestations. A message was  
given and interpreted and almost  
every one said they were going to  
pay tithes.

It is almost like being at the As-  
sembly. This is my first meeting on

the battlefield and I was surprised to  
see that these new saints have the  
very same manifestations that I have  
seen on saints who have been in the  
way for years. Truly God's ways are  
past finding out. I am learning many  
things from actual experience that I  
could never have learned in the  
schoolroom. I stand amazed at the  
mighty works of God and think what  
God hath wrought. Truly His sheep  
hear His voice and are coming into  
the fold to be cared for and protected  
by Him.

A sawmill man by the name of  
Davis has given the lumber to build  
the church and several have offered  
land for a church building. Work will  
begin at once to erect a place for  
worship.

We truly pray that this sweet love  
and unity will continue among these  
dear ones and that God will continue  
to bless and deal with them in the  
way He has begun. A number of  
Catholics have come into the fold  
here. There are many French people  
here, in fact, most all the people here  
are descendants of the French and  
several times when some of the saints  
would speak in French, the people  
in the congregation who spoke French  
understood it and were convinced  
for they knew that the speaker did  
not know how to speak French. The  
message spoken in the French and  
understood by the French people was,  
"Come unto me, all ye that la-  
bour and are heavy laden, and I will  
give you rest. This is that which was  
spoken by the prophet Joel. Eat, and  
O taste, and see that the Lord is  
good."

Many laughable incidents take  
place in a meeting like this. One  
night a Methodist preacher came to  
hear us and was very much pleased  
with the preaching. The altar call was  
made and about thirty-five people fell  
into the altar. He was dumbfounded  
when about ninety saints gathered  
around them and began to pray,  
shout and talk in tongues. Some re-  
ceived the Holy Ghost and leaped to  
their feet, talking in tongues. This  
excited the minister, who ran up to  
the end of the altar rail, lifted up his  
hands and said, "Listen! all bow your  
heads with me in prayer." He  
thought we were exciting the seekers.  
He waved his hand and tried to call  
the Holy Ghost to order. He may con-  
trol his little flock by the wave of the  
hand but he can never control the  
mighty power of God by that little  
wave of the hand. Praise God. He  
fell upon his knees and asked God  
to give us wisdom to obey. Read 2  
Tim. 3:5.

We knocked one of the pillars out  
from under the Baptist church. One  
of the deacons received the Holy  
Ghost, but it was quite awhile before  
he would come to hear us. Jesus said,  
"And I, if I be lifted up from the  
earth, will draw all men unto me."  
John 12:32. We do not fail to lift  
Jesus up, that is what brought him.  
He said, "I wouldn't go to hear those  
people if they were to come right  
down there to that branch." This  
branch crossed the road just below  
his house, that was the dead line.  
We cross it quite often now. Praise  
God.

The other night a young lady led  
the way to the altar. She stopped just  
before she knelt and unloaded. She  
took off her rings, necklace and a  
small pin in front of her waist and  
gave them to her father and fell in  
the altar crying out to God. Eleven  
received the Holy Ghost. The devil is  
sure mad because he is losing some  
souls he thought he had. Praise God.  
They call Sister Shepherd the bull  
dog preacher. I tell them they have  
to pull her loose and then she will  
take the piece out. Amen.

When we closed our meeting at  
Folsom, Sister Shepherd reminded me  
of Paul, when on one of his mission-  
ary journeys, how the people followed  
after him and cried. The people were  
crying after her. I had to get up and  
tell the people that they were by her  
as the people were toward Paul.  
Sister Shepherd fell on her knees and  
cried like a whipped child. Sinners  
who had been fighting the way, stood  
in the back of the house and wept  
bitterly. Praise God. Sister Shepherd  
is giving out the gospel in its fullness;  
like dear old Paul, she is declaring  
the whole gospel if it takes her head.

They named the church at Folsom,  
Shepherd's Valley. A man gave two  
acres of land for a church. I was at  
Sister King's and saw those big  
eight wheel lumber wagons go by  
loaded down with logs for the Church  
of God. Oh, glory, it sent the power  
coursing through my being like light-  
ning. Praise God. Saints, HELP US  
SHOUT! The Church of God is sweep-  
ing through the world like a cyclone.  
Hallelujah. Sister Shepherd saw fire  
flash over the altar several times.

One little brother who received the  
Holy Ghost tried to tell his mother  
about it and said that he got so he  
could not pronounce glory. We were  
calling the roll in Sunday school  
and one brother answered in tongues.  
They surely talk in tongues here. In  
fact, we never let one get away from  
us after being saved and sanctified,  
without talking in tongues.

One of our workers, Sister Ouida  
Hayslip, was called home on account  
of the illness of her father. We have  
since learned that he is dead and  
buried. May God help her to look to  
Him who healeth the broken in heart  
and bindeth up their wounds.

Our next stop is in Texas at the  
home of Sister Hayslip if it is our  
Father's will.

Dear saints, pray much for us, we  
need your prayers. Hold us up before  
God and ask Him to send the power.  
We know it takes power. Without  
power, we can do nothing.

They named the Church here  
Shepherd's Fold.

Your humble servant out for lost  
souls,  
Sister S. E. Gonia.



## JEWS AND THEIR AFFLICTION

J. P. HUGHES

"I will go and return to my place, (all they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early." Hosea 6:15. The text is a prophecy concerning the Jews, from which we learn that they have committed an offence against the Lord. We learn also that He has turned from them, and they are afflicted. In the verse prior to the text, the Lord said, "I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away."

When Jesus came to the world as a Redeemer, He came to His own (the Jews) John 1:11. They did not receive Him but committed a great offence against Him. It was a Jew that betrayed Him into the hands of sinful men. It was also a mob of Jews that cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him." John 19:15.

The rejection of Christ by the Jews was the offence that caused Him to turn from them and utter the following words, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, 'Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.'" Luke 13:34,35.

The desolation of their house has been the affliction of the Jews for many centuries. They have been dispersed abroad and scattered throughout the nations of the world. In many places they have been enslaved and treated inhuman. Truly, their afflictions have already been great, but it will be greater as the time approaches when they will see Jesus and say, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Matt. 24:21,22. The "Elect" that is spoken of in verse 22 has direct reference to the Jews and signifies that their great affliction will be shortened that they may have deliverance. Here is when the latter part of the text will be fulfilled. "In their affliction they will seek me early."

In prophesying of the tribulation that Jesus speaks of in Matt. 24:21, the prophet Jeremiah calls it Jacob's trouble which again applies to the Jews. "Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it. For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will break his (the beast or anti-christ) yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him." Jer. 30:7,8. No more Jewish slaves; no more ignorant and unlearned Jews because they have no freedom; no more having to wait a certain period of time to get naturalization papers before they can be free. Because they rebel against the anti-christ and turn to the true Christ. He will turn to them and be their deliverer and they shall be free. They will then worship Jesus and suffer martyrdom before they will bow down to the image of the beast or receive his mark and many of them will die for the Christ that their fellowmen said, "Away with him, crucify him!"

We have now come to what we wish to say about the Jews and their afflictions. It seems that the spirit of Job's comforter has possessed a great many people and they are disposed to in this way add sorrow to their afflictions. Pamphlets and booklets are being printed and circulated for the purpose of stirring up the people against the Jews. Would be religious papers are propagating such news as would be calculated to cause prejudice and ill feeling toward them.

They are accused of being rebels and leaders of labor unions and organizations that have caused revolts and uprisings among the people. But what if they have done such as they are accused of, is it any more than thousands of hypocritical Gentiles are doing who profess that they know Christ and have the light of His gospel? It should be remembered that the Jews are in darkness and do not have the light of the glorious gospel of Christ. For He has turned from them, "until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." Rom. 11:25.

The Gentiles have had the gospel light for nearly two thousand years and still some of them are so ignorant that they do not know that the affliction of the Jews is the health of the Gentiles. So they are not afraid to speak evil of them.

The Jews are accused of being anti-christian and enemies of the gospel. But what is that to complain about if they are anti-christians? Are they not the election and beloved of God and are only enemies of the gospel for the sake of the Gentiles? "As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father's sake." Rom. 11:28.

It has been inferred by some that the mark of the beast will proceed from a Jewish organization. I do not see how this can be, since the beast must first appear and receive power over the world before any will receive his mark and at that time the Jews will not have any organization having signed their rights over to the beast. But some say the anti-christ will be a Jew because the Jews were against Christ when He was on earth. The Bible clearly teaches that the Jews will receive Jesus and Paul tells us that all Israel shall be saved. Rom. 11:26. Then will the anti-christ be saved? Yes, if he is a Jew he will receive Jesus and be saved. But we find the beast and all that receive

his mark and worship his image will be cast into the lake of fire. Rev. 19:20. We see that the beast will not be a Jew. The Jews are to be saved, therefore, they will be martyred before they will worship the image of the beast or receive his mark.

The anti-christ will be a traitor and persecutor of the Jews and it may be his spirit that is causing people to mistreat them today. They are afflicted and should be pitied instead of persecuted. "To him that is afflicted pity should be showed from his friend." Job 6:14.

Truly every Gentile should be a friend to the Jews for it is through their fall that salvation is come to the Gentile world. "I say then. Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall (affliction) of them be the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?" Rom. 11:11,12. No Gentile should persecute the Jews but should pity them in their affliction, knowing that their loss is our gain.

"Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee." Rom. 11:20, 21. God will punish those who persecute the Jews and they will reap what they sow. He has said through the mouth of the prophet Ezekiel that he would put hooks in the jaws of Gog and Magog because they thought an evil thought to go up against Israel when they dwell safely in their own land. Gog and Magog is a figurative name for all those whom Satan can use to persecute the Jews. See Rev. 20:7,9. All who have been thinking evil of the Jews should awaken to the fact that they are a tool of the devil and very soon they will receive their reward.

The time is near when Jesus will come and the Jews will see Him and say, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." Then it is that they as a nation will receive the second birth and will become the leading nation of the world during the Millennial age. "Thus saith the Lord of hosts: In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you." Zech. 8:23.

The opposers and persecutors of the Jews will then be glad to acknowledge that they are God's elect and the prophecy of Isaiah 60:14, will be fulfilled. The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet."

We close this writing by saying that we are not a Jew by natural birth but have been adopted into the great family of spiritual Jews. Therefore, I am a friend to the Jews and if I must speak of them it will be to their favor. The greatest friend, the world has ever had (Jesus) was a Jew. He was stricken, smitten and afflicted of God for the world's redemption. The Jews have also been afflicted that through their fall the Gentiles should be saved.

## TITHE PAYING

J. R. Moxley

It means something to pay tithes. Many people are going about saying that they pay tithes and perhaps it is not more than an offering.

We find in God's Word that it takes one-tenth of all that a man possesses. A man should give one tenth of all as Jacob did after setting up the stone for a pillar in the House of God (Church of God). Jacob said, "I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Gen. 28:22. Glory to God in the highest.

I am not trying to hurt any one's feelings about this matter but it seems necessary for me to warn people along this line as the devil is raging so and trying to decoy people off in so many ways. I am so sorry to say that there are but few who are really paying tithes. It may be that they do not know any better and if so I hope and trust that they will fall down on their bended knees and ask God for an understanding.

Many people say they pay tithes and perhaps work a few days and make a few dollars and give one tenth of that to the Lord while on the other hand they have five hundred or a thousand dollars more or less in the bank that they have never tithed at all, but still say, "I am paying tithes." Others say they are paying tithes when their household goods have never been tithed nor their horses, mules, land, cattle, hogs and many other things.

Dear readers, the Word teaches us that one-tenth is the Lord's so let us lift the standard high, and pay our tithes, not only putting in a little offering and call it tithes. We, as the people of God, had just as well leave off some other part of the Bible as the tithing system.

Our faithful father, Abram, returning from the slaughter of Melchizedek and gave him one tenth of all. Praise God for this great privilege that we have of giving a tenth of all.

Brothers and sisters, I am not writing this to discourage you but in order that you may think on these things and see if you are lined up with God's Word or not. If we would give one-tenth of all that we possess the church would grow more rapidly and that is what we want, the church to gain ground every day while the devil is trying to drag us down but we are going to keep her lifted above the hills. Praise God.

The devil is saying that it will put them under the law to pay tithes and also that the big man gets the money. It is false and we know it is false and we are not out to please him but to do the will of our Father. Jesus even told the Scribes and Pharisees and hypocrites that they ought to pay tithes and not leave off the weightier matters. Let us do the work that God wants us to do.

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## Sunday School Student

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Evangel Readers:

When I was just a small girl I lived about two miles from Sunday school but my father would take me every Sunday. My teacher was Miss Susie Conly and she taught me many sweet things about Jesus, the Lord's prayer and the ten commandments and I would get up before the congregation and say the ten commandments.

One day she gave me a little barrel to put money in for foreign missions. I picked violet and orange blossom bouquets and sold them to the rich folks. In that way I got my barrel full of money. This is a good plan for the girls to get money for the Church of God Orphanage. A child can touch the heart of almost any man or woman.

Another plan is to learn a little song, get up before the congregation and sing it and God will do the rest.

I am glad that my father and mother brought me up in the right way. I am now saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and determined to press on to that beautiful land. I still go to Sunday school and love my teacher as I did when I was just a little girl.

Your sister in Jesus,  
Carrie Murphy,  
Augusta, Ga.

## Pray For Sinners

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name: I am praising God this morning for a full and free salvation through the blood of the Lamb. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and am a member of the great Church of God which Jesus purchased with His own blood on the cruel cross of Calvary. I have been in this way three years and it seems sweeter every day.

It is heaven below to have Jesus abiding in our lives. When we are burdened and cast down, Jesus always encourages us. The devil is after us every side but we need not fear. I am living in a place where the people are holiness fighters and I am the only one that has the Holy Ghost but by the help of the Lord I mean to live for Him I am leaning on the strong arm of Jesus and mean to overcome everything the devil puts in my way. I want to let my light so shine that the people in darkness will see it and be saved.

Jesus tells us to watch for we do not know the day nor the hour that He will return and I want the sinners to get ready for He is coming soon. Sinners, won't you give Jesus your heart? Learn to love and serve Him. He is the only one that can help you and He will go with you all the way. You won't be afraid of death. Let Him in, He is knocking at your heart.

Dear saints, let us pray for more love so sinners will notice it and God will convict them and they will be saved before it is too late. Pray for my loved ones as I am the only one in the family that is saved. I would be glad to hear from some of the saints.

Your sister in Christ,  
Lucy A. Sites,  
Jaeger, W. Va.

## Pray and Obey Him

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints Everywhere:

I am praising the Lord for what He has done for me, for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I am determined by His help to go through at any cost.

I am sure that we are living in the evening time and I want to be among the number that will be ready to go when the Lord comes back to earth again. Oh what a grand time that will be, when the devil will never more tempt us. Praise God. The devil tries us so hard some times, that we can hardly overcome, but when we overcome a temptation we find a well of joy awaiting us. Praise God forever. Beloved, let us live close to the Lord and pray more for Him to deliver us through every temptation and trial. The devil cannot do anything with a prayer, for the saints prayers are the keys to heaven. If we want anything from God and expect Him to give it to us, we must pray and obey Him. If we obey Him we will walk in all the light that He gives us; this world is wide awake, watching us to see if we live up to what we are teaching. We must be very careful how we live for our life will either help or discourage some one.

There have been so many people who have claimed to be sanctified, but do not live up to it at all. Sanctified means to live a holy, clean life, free from sin.

Now I thank God because I ever saw the light on the Church of God, the great body of Christ. How glad I am because I have the opportunity of being a branch of the Holy Vine, and if we are a branch of this vine we must bring forth fruit and if we do not the Lord will cut us off. So let us bring forth good fruit and do more for the Lord in the future than in the past.

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## Wonderful Plan of Salvation

Dear Evangel Readers: I want to praise the Lord for His blessings to me. He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost and added me to the great Church of God.

I came into this great holiness way five years ago, and it gets sweeter and brighter all the time. Praise the Lamb of God forever. I can never praise Him enough for the way He has blessed me. I praise the Lord because I ever learned to trust Him with my body as well as my soul. He has blessed my family and myself many times. Praise His name, it is wonderful what the Lord can do for them that will let Him.

I do not get to go to services very often, but we can hold to God's unchanging hand and He will lead us in the path of righteousness.

Now my heart is burdened for lost souls. When I look out over this country and see so many souls going the downward road to destruction that do not know about this wonderful plan of salvation, it makes me want to get out and tell every body how I found this wonderful plan of salvation. For I feel that we are in the last days and that something must be done quickly, or some souls are going to hell. There are many honest hearts that want to be saved. Some think they are alright, but are deceived; some are waiting for a more convenient time. But I am afraid the Lord will come and find many unprepared to meet Him. Pray for me that I may be faithful to the end.

Your brother in Christ,  
P. Q. Davis,  
Magnolia, Miss.

## Feels Fire Burning

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints of God Everywhere—Greetings:

I am praising the Lord for a full and free salvation. I praise Him because I know I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. Praise the Lord.

I feel the fire burning in my soul. Oh, how happy it makes me and what a determination He has given me to press forward. I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may live close to the Lord.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Ella Cranswell,  
Dora, Ala.

## Note of Praise

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints:

I want to sound a note of praise to our blessed Saviour. How I thank Him for His tender and loving protection. Dear ones, He is calling every one and it is for a purpose. He wants us all to be up and doing something. The orphanage drive gives an opportunity for those who cannot preach to do something for God. We must not rest until the dear little orphans have a home and some one to care for them. Let us all do our bit so the orphans will be trained up in the way they should go.

Your humble sister,  
Mrs. Nellie McLendon,  
Pork, S. C.

## HOLINESS

### The People of God Must Be Holy

Nellie Jones

Stop! Wait! Listen! And obey the voice of God! Yes, the people of God must take time to be holy for the time rushes on.

Sometimes it seems as if we get so far behind with our work and we scarcely have time to go to our closets and hide away in secret prayer with Jesus. We may say that we will just pray while we do our housework, rock the baby to sleep etc., for it looks as we never have time to stop. This is a good resolution to make to pray while you work, pray while you rest, pray without ceasing but let us take time to pray morning, noon and night and then fill in between times with prayer and work and I believe that we will get more work and praying done too. Praise the Lord.

Lord, help us to take time to be holy. We must pray much even if we have to take time off from our work and sleep for it takes much prayer to stay holy in all manner of conversation every day, every hour and every time the enemy is present. Lord help us.

"Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God, and ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the Lord which sanctify you." Lev. 20:7,8.

Yes, get sanctified for Jesus said, "And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." John 17:18,19. How can we take time to be holy when everything is on a fly? It is true everything is fastily flying and time is swiftly passing by, that is why we must take time to be holy. Let us take time to be holy no matter how fast the world goes. Let us have our lamps trimmed and burning and more oil to refill our lamps with lest they should burn low. The greater part of the world, today, is hurrying off into eternity, they cannot take time to be holy or get sanctified or get filled with the Holy Ghost but are saying, "We will do that later, business is too pressing now and it will never do for us to be so low and humble, and we must stay up with the latest."

Hallelujah, I do not want any salvation that is any later than the kind that Jesus and His apostles had for I am afraid it would not stand the storm when Jesus comes back for He will catch away those who have taken time to be holy and are measuring up to the standard.

What does it mean to be holy? It means to be perfectly pure. Pure, what does it take to be pure? Pure means clean; genuine. How can we keep clean? By much prayer and fasting and staying under the blood of Jesus, and continually taking time to be holy. Glory to Jesus. Lord, help me to hide under the blood.

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12:14. "The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works." Psa. 145:17. It means much to be holy.

"Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor." Psa. 15:1-3. If the Lord Jesus were righteous in all His ways and holy in all His works, we must be so too for He said to follow Him. Lord, help us to do His biddings.

Take time to be holy,  
Speak oft with the Lord;  
Abide in Him always,  
And feed on His Word.  
Make friends of God's children,  
Help those who are weak,  
Forgetting in nothing,  
His blessings to seek.

Take time to be holy,  
The world rushes on;  
Spend much time in secret  
With Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus,  
Like Him thou shalt be;  
Thy friend in thy conduct,  
His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy,  
Let Him be thy Guide;  
And run not before Him,  
What'er may betide.  
In joy or in sorrow,  
Still follow thy Lord;  
And looking to Jesus,  
Still trust in His Word.

## Expecting Great Things

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I have been in this country four weeks. The Lord gave us a splendid revival at the Richburg church. Seven came into the church, will baptize them later.

We went from Richburg church to New Augusta, thirty-two miles from Hattiesburg. We are going back there Saturday night before the third Sunday and finish the meeting and set a church in order, we hope with a good membership.

I have secured a vacant lot in Hattiesburg, Miss., and have made arrangements for a tent and seats. The best of all, Brother M. S. Haynes and family have promised to come when we get everything ready. We are expecting great things at the all powerful hand of God.

I am feeling good because of the outlooks for a great work in and around this city. My wife and daughter will join me in this field of labor for the Master.

We want the saints of God everywhere to pray much for the revival at Hattiesburg.

In the Master's service,  
C. C. Stewart,  
Hattiesburg, Miss.

## REPENT

### Get Ready Before It Is Too Late

Luther Allen

You are wanted and are called. Why don't you get away from sin? Jesus is calling you, heed His call. You should love God for He gave His only begotten Son that through Him we might be saved.

In 1 John 3:1, we find, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not." Loved ones, why should we not jump at this chance to be called the children of God? There is no pleasure in this sin-cursed world for us. 1 John 3:8 tells us, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning." But if we give our hearts to Jesus, He will give us peace, joy, pleasure and happiness.

We ought not to stay in darkness when we have such a loving Savior. "We love him, because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19. You can see by the many, many boys and girls that have gone the downward way, how much the devil loves us.

Beloved, turn away from your sins and join our little band where there is peace for all who give their hearts to Jesus and let Him come in. Let your manhood awaken before it is too late for Jesus is coming soon to take His saints to heaven. However, we must trust and obey Him. Jesus suffered on the cross of Calvary for your sins and mine; why not get ready to meet Him? Stop and think and then accept Jesus as your guide and light. Amen.

## Member of His Body

Dear Saints Everywhere:

I am praising the dear Lord for what He is and has been to me. About four years ago He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. He then added two of my children and myself to the great Church of God—the pillar and ground of the truth.

This morning finds me on my way to glory, kept by the mighty power of God. I love the Church of God and her beautiful government more and more and count it the greatest privilege to be a member of His body. I earnestly ask all the saints to pray for me that I will stand true and go deeper in Jesus.

Your humble brother,  
Wm. Hamilton,  
Nichols, Fla.

## Get Right With God

Dear Saints of God—Greetings in the Name of Jesus, our Great King:

I am praising God for the heaven bought privilege we have of going humbly and open heartedly asking of Him what we will and He will grant it.

I am glad to report victory in my soul. I have been redeemed from sin and washed in the blood of the Lamb. I am so glad for the blood that was shed on the cross of Calvary that we might be one through Him I am so glad that His suffering was not all in vain. I know there are some who have gone on before and I know there are more that will stand the test and go through. I am by the help and grace of God determined to go through. This world is like a vapor, it vanishes away. I am building my hopes on things eternal and mean to wear a crown of glory in the end.

My dearly beloved who are in sin, it will not do to go on in a neglectful way about your soul's salvation. Time is too short and life is uncertain. Death is sure and in such an hour as ye know not, the Son of man cometh. Let me beg you in Jesus' name to get right with God and be ready when He comes or calls.

It is wonderful to know that we have the privilege of being in the rapture when Jesus comes after His own. Oh, it is wonderful, more glorious than tongue can tell. Some times the way seems so dark and almost blocked, but God knoweth and doeth all things well, if we will only go to Him and let Him lead us, He will bring us out victorious with joy and gladness in our soul and one round higher than we were before. Praise His great and matchless name. He is all in all to me.

How sweet it is to lay down at night knowing that if we never awake again in this world that we will wake with Jesus and the redeemed of the Lord to sing around the great white throne.

Dear ones, let us press on and look up and keep our eyes on Jesus.

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Psa. 133:1.

Your sister under the blood of Jesus,

M. M. Nelson,  
Crescent, Okla.



## TITHES OF ALL

Milo Cross

I have thought on the above subject very much for the last few months. I find a great majority of our people do not understand such expressions as the one quoted above from Gen. 14:20, where Abraham gave "tithes of all."

We notice in Mal. 3:8-12, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye ALL THE TITHES into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground: neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts."

I notice all the above blessings are promised only when we bring "All the tithes into the storehouse." Jacob said, "And of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Gen. 28:22.

I have found some people who think these Scriptures teach us to tithe our gross income—after we deduct the cost of production such as fertilizer, hired help etc. This is not paying tithes of all, but I think a close study of the Scriptures will show us what is meant by "Tithes of all" or all the tithes.

Jesus said that the Pharisees paid tithes of mint and anise and cummin and rue, all of which seem to have been small herbs and not only this but, all "manner of herbs." "These ought ye to have done," Matt. 23:23. Luke 11:42. This is what is meant by bringing all the tithes into the storehouse, not to tithe our gross income but the net profits of everything God gives us. I have seen some good people who never thought of tithing such as garden and truck patches, milk and butter, chickens and eggs. There are some people who tithe what they sell of such as this but never keep an account of what they use at home. Which is worth the most to us, what we sell or what we eat at home? Then why would we tithe one and not the other?

I have been very much surprised to find that some of our ministers did not tithe such things as food, clothing etc. which were given to them. How easy it would be for all members and preachers who have settled down pastoring churches to keep a large calendar (but not one that advertises patent medicine or Coca Cola) hanging on the wall in the kitchen and keep everything marked down the day it was received or used.

I hope our people will not pass this by lightly.

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## WALK NOT IN UN-GODLY COUNSEL

H. L. Hilburn

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly," Psa. 1:1.

I feel, sometimes, that we as saints of the most high God walk in the counsel of the ungodly in various ways. If we are not careful after Jesus has redeemed us by His blood, our unsaved and sometimes even demoralized husbands or wives will try to tell us that we do not need to go to prayer meeting or Sunday school or even preaching services every time, when the Word of God says not to neglect the assembling of ourselves together. Some tell us that they could bear it very well if their wife or husband would not shout or dance or hold up their hands in song services. Dear reader, this is the counsel of the ungodly as I have seen it tried. May God help us to know if we ever expect to win our unsaved companions we must stand uncompromisingly on the Word of God. I do not want to be misunderstood, a wife or husband should be careful and kind to his or her unsaved companion. They are to do all they can at home to agree and keep peace but when they tell you once a week is often enough to attend services when there are meetings two or three nights a week besides Sunday, if you compromise on their suggestions, soon the evil spirit will say not to let them see you shouting. If you continue to walk in this counsel, your companion will tell you how long the services should be held and if you do not take a decided stand against such counsel he will go far enough to come right in the mid services and say, "Let us go home, I am tired and sleepy and have to work tomorrow." I have known some who have tried to humor

their companions, who were convinced that the Church of God was clear to them but after a few compromises they began to persecute the talking in tongues, shouting, dancing and even went far enough to disrespect the house of worship where their old gray headed father and mother were shouting and worshipping God; while they were on their knees pleading with God for mercy for their unsaved one that would not even respect them while they were worshipping the God that spoke this old world into existence. If you give place to the devil in one point, he will soon cheat you out of your salvation. In Matt. 5:29,30, Jesus makes it plain in such cases, "And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell." We have the promise of the Holy Ghost who will lead us in the way of all truth, so we can clearly see that we cannot allow our unsaved parents, companions, brothers, sisters or friends to dictate to us how we should serve the Lord, for we are to walk in the Spirit.

Jesus tells us in Mark 10:29, "Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life."

Dear reader, as long as those who are unsaved and opposed to the Church of God and her teaching give us counsel to walk in and limit the time for us to meet and worship God and we obey them, we have not forsaken the things that the blessed Lord teaches and we are still walking in the counsel of the ungodly. Let us read the Word of God for fear we will lose the grace of God out of our hearts and become dead spiritually. Generally the first sign you see in such cases is that the shouting, dancing and talking in tongues ceases; second, they will not testify like they once did and in a short time even this ceases. This is the result of one who tries to live a Christian life and also tries to please a wicked companion. It reminds me of a little mouse that the cat has caught. The cat turns the mouse loose and lets it go as far as the cat wants it to go, then he reaches up his paw and stops it until he is ready to let it go again.

Dear reader, this is about the result of progress one makes who walks in the counsel of an unsaved companion. The cat represents the husband or wife that is a truth fighter and the mouse represents the wife or husband who has been saved and afterwards begins to pet the evil selfish spirit that he or she has been unfortunate enough to get for his or her "better half."

## THE GREAT AIM AND TEACHING OF JESUS

Victoria Warner

"For out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel," Matt. 2:6.

Oh, how glad we ought to be, that the dear Lord gave us a Governor to rule the world, a great King—a Savior to save us from all sins, not just a part but all and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness and make the people clean as they once were, when Adam and Eve were placed in the garden of Eden. They were a happy family until they disobeyed God and brought sin upon them and the whole generation.

O, that the people could see the need of being purified by the blood that was shed on the cross and then being sealed with the blessed Holy Ghost which was to come, "He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Jesus told the people to repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand and He healed all manner of diseases, cast out devils, made the blind to see and the deaf to hear and the dead were raised and the poor had the gospel preached to them. When He sent His apostles out to preach, He taught them to do as He had done and they did many miracles and signs were done by them.

O friends, let us not be as the wicked generation but let us obey the teachings of the gospel which is the Bible or His written Word; and obey the Spirit and His great power that comes in and through our bodies. He tells us not to be afraid of His power. If we obey we will know of His kingdom for it will be in us and it will not be taken away from us, but if we do not obey it will be taken away and given to a nation bringing forth fruits.

Dear friends, if we obey the gospel as it is written, we shall be as the saints of old. Jesus said, "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father." Matt. 13:43.

"He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"

Some people seem to think that every time Jesus speaks of water, that He is referring to the water we drink or the water we were baptized in but this is a mistake for the Holy Ghost is spiritual and comes from heaven, a direct operation that people who have consecrated their

lives to God can know, for He will testify when He comes.

Paul in writing to the church at Rome said, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers," so then if we are subject to the Lord in all things, and the dear Lord pours out His power upon us, why should people say there is no such thing? Because they do not believe that God will do as He says or they would believe it as the Bible teaches it but they are ready to resist it and say that it is the power of the devil. The power of the Lord that comes from heaven is heavenly and brings a great weight of glory to the man or woman to whom it rests upon. That is why He told them not to be afraid of His power. "But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain."

Dear friends, let us all live subject to the higher powers and His sweet gentle Spirit that we may get an answer to our prayers, and may we always be ready to do the bidding of the Spirit at all times.

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## NOAH'S DAY AND OUR DAY

E. L. Pinkley

This subject has borne very forcibly on my mind for some time and I do not feel like I can get it off without writing on it. It is now 2:15 in the morning and I pray that God will direct me to say something in this article that will arouse the conscience of some wayward pilgrim to walk in the light of God's Word.

First, we will notice the creation of this world in Noah's day, at the time he finished the work he did for God. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and he grieved him at his heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth," Gen. 6:5-7.

"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh has come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shall thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second and third stories shalt thou make it," Gen. 6:8,13,14, 16.

"And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark; thou, and thy sons and thy wife, and thy son's wives with thee," Gen. 6:17,18.

God made a special covenant with Noah in a very wicked and troublesome time. First of all, God gave him orders about the ark and how it should be built. No doubt, Noah had several workmen in building this ark who received instructions from him, but it seemed that God spoke directly to Noah and expected him to take up the work and build the ark according to instructions. He made special mention of the kind of wood to use, where to put the windows, how many rooms to make and to make them first lower, next second and third stories.

God told Noah why He was so particular about him building the ark just so. There was a flood, to be sent from His hand to destroy the whole earth and all living on it as they were so corrupt, but God gave Noah to understand that He would not destroy those of the ark who would get in after it was built according to His orders. If Noah had built or allowed this ark to have been built contrary to God's orders the waters would have destroyed it.

No doubt, he had many scoffers and mockers who said it was useless to put such good material in the ark and take so much pains with it. No doubt, there were many other boats there and people who owned them who said, "Our boats have always floated, and we are not scared," I imagine I can hear Noah as he said, "I have special orders from God to build an extra strong and safe ark as there is a special flood coming like we have never had and nothing that has stood in the past will stand now in this flood that is coming." No doubt, but what much sport was made of Noah's ark but he went on building it according to God's order. Some said it was foolishness to use such good material, but Noah said that the Lord had ordered him to build something extra and it must be just as He said for he was working under His instructions. No doubt, when Noah had the ark almost finished that several came around and stood on the door steps and looked in and investigated it while some went in, looked around

and went back out and said, "We can get over the flood in our little boats that we have been riding in," but Noah told them that they had better stay in the ark as it was the only thing that would land them safely on the other side of the flood, but they would not believe it. Noah told them that by and by the door would be closed because God would close it and then they could not get in, but still they would not believe it. After a while the ark was finished and the door was closed. The majority of the people of Noah's day were lost, and no doubt, when the rain came and the waters raised that there were many who knocked and tried to get in but Noah told them they were too late, so they perished.

The ark and Noah's day is a fair type of our day and the great Church of God which is taking the world today. Listen, Jesus said in Matt. 24:37, "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." God is giving orders to the General Overseer of the great Church of God to make haste and build as the floods of persecutions are upon us and the end of this Gentile age is close at hand. God is angry with the way this world is doing. While there are many of us that are building on this house—the Church of God, we have many propositions put before us to change our plans, but we believe that God is leading our General Overseer and we are going to obey orders.

Many times there are people who say to us little workers on the field that they like the teachings of the church, but there is some little thing they cannot give up. For instance they belong to a lodge or secret order, yet they think we ought to take them in as they have paid their dues for such a long time and that we are too strict. We have only to say the Scriptures are against it. They often say that God is in the lodge but we just refer them to the Words of Jesus, "Behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not," Matt. 24:26. Could we afford to say that Jesus was mistaken? No, a thousand times no!

Some say they use tobacco and that they cannot find in the Bible that there is any harm in it, yet they confess that it is filthy. In Rev. 22:11, we read, "He which is filthy, let him be filthy still." They also confess that it is unclean. In Gal. 5:21, "that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Why wouldn't we teach against things that will keep men from inheriting the kingdom of God? I know it looks like foolishness to the world to build a church like the Church of God that is so fanatical that they will not receive such folks as adulterers, tobacco users and secret order folks, but God said to build it just as He said if we wanted to land on the other side of the tribulation safely.

There are many who are coming around and are very friendly toward the Church and speak well of her government, but when you tell them that they need to get in they often say, "I will make it through all right on the outside." In Noah's day the people did not make it all right and I would hate to try it in our day. Some say, "I am in the Church of God, I was born into it," I ask you to only give me the chapter and verse for your doctrine. The Bible says to try the spirits, you had better try that, one and see if God's Word will hold you good in your statement. Others have said that they loved the church but did not like the overseers and government. It would not be the Church of God without them. Some have come into the church and after looking around went out and decided to try the flood outside. Some have decided that the Church of God, we represent, is not the Bible Church. Listen, do you know of a church anywhere else outside of the church, with headquarters, at Cleveland, Tenn., that you cannot find one Scripture against her teaching?

Do you know of a church anywhere that is called the Church of God that is recognized by the government of the U. S. beside this one? Listen, brethren, there have been many churches in the world just as there were many boats in Noah's time. They have done good work in their day but the time has come that God is calling His elect together and the one fold that Jesus speaks of in John 10:16, is now being made ready for God's people.

In the time of our ignorance of the true Church of God, God winked at us, but now He is calling His people out of Babylon and this world is in a very corrupt state and Daniel says in Dan. 12:1, that there is a great day of trouble coming so let us get ready for it. Thousands are looking for it as God is angry with this world and is making His preparations to take care of His people, if they will listen to His voice, but we must put the full amount of rooms in this building as God wants us to work together in harmony, get saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with tongues and come into the Church of God.

The three rooms in Noah's Ark may represent justification and sanctification and the Holy Ghost in the Church of God. Please do not leave either one out or the Church might fail to carry her load.

Listen, brethren, who are outside of the Church of God, the last great conflict is on and the tribulation days are coming. The doors of the great Church of God are still open and if you want to land on the other side of the tribulations safely without a

wreck and not go down in the great wave of persecutions that are coming upon this earth, my advice to you is, to get into the great Church of God, now before God closes the door and you are shut out to face the tribulations in a little idea of your own that will never tide you over. May God bless you and lead you to my prayer.

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